GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:368
ANSWERED ON:19.04.2000
EMPLOYEES PROVIDENT FUND
BRIJBHUSHAN SHARAN SINGH

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the amount lying accumulated in the Employees Provident Fund during each of the last three years in each State;

(b) whether the Government propose to invest the above fund in the nationalised banks;

(c) if so, the procedure being followed in this regard; and

(d) the amount of interest earned by the Government thereon during the above period, year-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA)

(a) to (d) : A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.368 TO BE ANSWERED ON 19-4-2000 REGARDING EMPLOYEES PROVIDENT FUND.

(a) The total accumulatedinvestment of provident fund as on 31st March, 1999 was Rs.70,000.99 crore out of which Rs.41,309.57 crore was in the unexempted sector and Rs.28,691.42 crore in the exempted sector. The requisite information about the employees provident fund invested in State Government securities is given in Annexure.

(b) The EPF contribution not required for immediate disbursement are invested as per thepattern prescribed by the Ministry of Finance.Accordingly, 40% of PF money is invested in Government securities, 40% in public financial institutions and the remaining 20% has been left at the discretion of the Board of Trustees for investment either in Govt. securities or in public financial institutions. The Board of Trustees subject to their assesment of risk return prospects have also been given an option to make investment upto 10% out of 20% in private sector bonds/securities having investment grade rating from at least two credit rating agencies.

(c) The amount of interest earned from investments made in various instruments during the years 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99 was Rs.3351.47 crore, Rs.3794.66 crore and Rs.4363.66 crore respectively. Of this, the amount of interest earned from investment made in State Govt.securities during 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99 was Rs.104.44 crore,Rs.127.90 crore and Rs.117.97 crore respectively.

Annexure referred to part (a) of Starred Question No.368 dated 19/04/2000

(Rs.in crores)

STATE	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
Andhra radesh	59.97	70.34	117.18
Assam	47.54	55.13	73.04
Bihar	197.01	221.02	268.27
Gujarat	29.44	34.58	60.30
Goa	0.76	0.76	
Haryana	6.77	6.77	14.14
HimachalPradesh	1.67	1.67	1.67
J & K	2.29	4.82	9.84
Karnataka	34.14	36.66	40.76
Kerala	33.24	41.44	44.17
Madhya Pradesh	52.42	56.45	64.44
Maharashtra	19.29	60.98	81.96
Manipur	11.43	10.52	10.52
Meghalaya	5.10	5.10	5.10
Mizoram	1.50	1.50	1.50
Nagaland	20.85	19.67	20.00

Orissa	58.88	61.15	66.41
Punjab	7.97	9.97	21.94
Rajasthan	23.35	28.33	43.08
Sikkim	5.57	5.57	5.57
Tamil Nadu	54.66	56.69	70.26
Tripura	19.91	18.48	13.47
Uttar Pradesh	244.89	299.12	331.86
West Bengal	71.66	71.68	56.85
Grand Total	1009.52	1178.40	1423.09